


REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice. In point 3 of the December 5, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 has now been rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 is pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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